

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014**

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at the South Patrol Division, 9701 Marion Park Drive, Annex Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Alvin L. Brooks, President
Commissioner Michael C. Rader, Vice President
Commissioner Angela Wasson-Hunt, Treasurer
Commissioner Lisa T. Pelofsky, Member (left at 9:25 a.m.)
Commissioner Michael S. Kilgore
Mayor Sylvester “Sly” James, Jr., Member
Darryl Forté, Chief of Police
Mr. David V. Kenner, Secretary/Attorney

This meeting was called to order at 9:10 p.m. by Commissioner Brooks.

The invocation was provided by Chaplain Serita Wright.

1. Swearing in of new commissioner. The Honorable Kevin Harrell conducted the swearing in ceremony for new Police Commissioner Michael S. Kilgore.

2. Award and commendations.

Ms. Joy Howe received a Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding assistance to KCPD. On May 1, 2012, Ms. Howe retired from the FBI after 45 years of service. As an employee of the FBI, she worked closely with everyone within the KCPD Intelligence Unit and provided valuable assistance for decades.

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Officer Charles Chambers received the Life Saving Award for performing CPR on a woman who tried to take her own life with an overdose of pills. She began breathing again and he kept her awake until the arrival of paramedics. Officer Chambers checked on her a couple of days later and learned that she was recovering.

Detective Kevin Boehm received the Meritorious Service Award. He was named Coordinator of the Year at the Crime Stoppers USA National Conference in August 2013. Detective Boehm was assigned as the Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline Coordinator in December 2008. Since that time he has worked tirelessly to make the TIPS Hotline successful and productive in aiding the capture of fugitives and clearing crimes.

Detective David Albers received the Meritorious Service Award for his dedicated work while assigned to the Crimes Against Children Unit. In October 2011, he was assigned as the lead detective in the Lisa Irwin case. During the course of this investigation Detective Albers logged more than 1,700 tips; maintained a database of leads to be investigated; and logged more than 1000 hours of time investigating her disappearance.

Officer Jason Rains received the Meritorious Service Award for his initiative in creating a detailed plan to address the illegal use of dealership license plates and drive-away license plates. This plan allowed the police department to partner with a Missouri Department of Revenue agent to conduct business checks, seize license plates, and create a list of repeat violators.

The meeting took a recess at 9:27 a.m. and resumed at 9:43 a.m.

3. **Kansas City Crime Commission.** Former Chief Rick Easley presented the Crime Stoppers Report for December 2013. He said the TIPS Hotline received 4,148

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calls for 2013, compared to 3,932 calls for 2012. In 2013, 224 arrests were made and 300 cases cleared as a result of tips received.

Chief Easley said the Second Chance Program keeps the recidivism rate at 10 to 14 percent. The state's average recidivism rate is about 48 percent. He said to-date the Crime Commission has provided services for 1,400 ex-offenders through Second Chance.

Chief Easley said the Crime Commission is very pleased and proud to have Detective Kevin Boehm working for them.

4. Councilman John Sharp. Councilman Sharp said he was pleased to see the presence of KCPD officers at a day-long seminar at UMKC that was sponsored by the FBI on the topic of how to respond to hate crimes. Councilman Sharp said this seminar was very well attended.

Councilman Sharp thanked the police department for making their meeting facilities available to the community. He said these facilities are used very often by community groups and they are an asset to the community.

Councilman Sharp provided the Board with a copy of Resolution No. 130959 establishing legislative priorities and positions for matters before the 2014 session of the Missouri General Assembly, and Resolution [R-2013-01068] establishing the City's position on matters that may come before the 113th United States Congress, 2nd Session, 2014. He briefly discussed these priorities.

5. City Architects report. Mr. Eric Bosch provided the Board with an update on the current police department construction projects.

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With regard to headquarters, Mr. Bosch said they are anticipating temporary occupancy for floors 6 and 7. Demolition will begin next week on the 2nd and 4th floors. He said if complete, he anticipates that the Board can hold the April or May Board meeting in the new community room. He said they are trying to complete landscaping in the front so that the police memorial celebration can be held at headquarters this year.

With regard to the new EPD/crime lab, weather has allowed digging to resume. During February the City will take bids on the police station and early summer the City will take bids on the crime lab.

6. Approval of minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt with a second by Commissioner Rader to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2013, Board meeting. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt with a second by Commissioner Rader to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2013, Board meeting. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

Commissioner Kilgore abstained on both votes.

7. Chief Darryl Forté. Chief Forté recommended that the Board establish a Legislative Committee so topics can be discussed prior to taking the matter to Jefferson City.

Chief Forté said the “National Prevention Tool-Kit on Officer-Involved Domestic Violence” will be made available to every officer on the police department. This is an on-line training that was developed by Florida State University.

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The Chief said he began having one-on-one meetings with directors, managers, and commanders last week to discuss goals, leadership, risk management issues, etc. Also, he said the department is in the process of working on strategic objectives #1 and #6.

Chief Forté said he was shadowed by a sergeant last week and he plans to continue this program.

With regard to the Blueprint efficiency study that was conducted during 2006-2010; Chief Forté has assigned Major Rich Lockhart to review the recommendations of this study for a fresh look. Commissioner Wasson-Hunt said this is an excellent idea. She also commended him for the implementation of the officer-involved domestic violence training program.

Mayor James suggested that that when reviewing the Blueprint study; that the Chief will incorporate areas where the police department and city's interests intersect. The Chief agreed. Commissioner Rader requested a copy of the Blueprint study.

a. Legislative priorities for 2014, Mr. Andy Arnold. Mr. Arnold of Arnold and Associates provided the Board with the Legislative Activity Report dated January 13, 2014. He said this is the 21st year that he has had the privilege of representing the police department in Jefferson City. He said there were multiple bills passed last year related to the police department. Among them were the pay bill; termination rights for the Chief of Police; and revisions to the open meetings laws.

Mr. Arnold said the session began last Wednesday, and major topics in the House this year are tax reform, tort reform, right to work, and education reform.

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Mr. Arnold's report provided the track list of bills of interest to the police department that have been filed to date:

HB 1096	SB 565
HB 1257	SB 599
HB 1292	SB 603
HB 1301	SB 608
HB 1311	SB 613
	SB 622

Mr. Arnold said Jewell Patek has been representing the police department in Jefferson City since 2006, and that Mr. Patek has been instrumental in making contact with some of the senior members of the House and Senate because he is more involved in the political side. Prior to 2003 Mr. Arnold was the department's only lobbyist and this position was occasionally supplemented by department members and then Mr. Woody Cozad came on for about two years.

Mayor James asked for more details on HB 1301 with regard to modification of the Kansas City police retirement systems. Mr. Arnold said there were technical changes in the bill that refer to sections that no longer exist.

8. Executive Services Bureau. Major Eric Winebrenner submitted the following items for Board approval:

a. Kansas City NoVA MOU. A memorandum dated January 3, 2014, was submitted to recommend approval to accept the grant award from Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) to provide funding for KC NoVA in the amount of \$5,000.

A motion was made by Mayor James with a second by Commissioner Rader to accept the grant from LISC in the amount of \$5,000. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

b. Supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2013-14. A memorandum dated December 5, 2013, was submitted outlining the details of this adjustment. A copy

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of this memorandum is Attachment “A” and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rader with a second by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt approving the supplemental appropriations adjustment as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

c. Budget transfers for fiscal year 2013-14. A memorandum dated December 30, 2013, was submitted which outlines the details of these budget transfers. A copy of this memorandum is Attachment “B” and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt with a second by Commissioner Rader approving the budget transfers as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

d. Agreement for dispatching services for the Village of Claycomo, Missouri. A memorandum dated January 2, 2014, was submitted that recommended approval of a contract to provide dispatching services for the Village of Claycomo at a cost of \$32,000 per year. In response to a question, Major Winebrenner stated that the Village of Claycomo averages two 911 calls per day. The services provided by the police department will be limited to routing phone calls for service and do not involve actually providing patrol car responses to the calls themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt with a second by Commissioner Rader approving the contract with the Village of Claycomo in the amount of \$32,000.

e. 2013 MCSAP grant (13-CMV-MC003). A memorandum dated January 2, 2014, was submitted to recommend approval to accept this revision of the 2013 Motor

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Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) award for the funding of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Inspectors. This award is for an additional \$30,000 that will be used to fund overtime for the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2014. The total award amount is \$812,678.50.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rader with a second by Mayor James to accept the MCSAP award in the amount of \$30,000.

f. Audit proposal No. 2014-6. A memorandum dated January 2, 2014, was submitted to recommend that the Board approve a one year contract with an option to renew for four additional one year periods for audit services with Rubin Brown for the annual amount of \$69,880.

The Board questioned why the recommendation is for Rubin Brown rather than Cochran, Head, Vick & Co., P.C. Additionally, Rubin Brown is not a Kansas City company and the bid is higher. Mayor James asked what is the rational for not staying with Cochran, Head, Vick & Co. Chief Forté said he attended a conference where Cochran, Head, Vick & Co. made a presentation and the owner of the company recommended not using the same auditing firm year after year. The Chief said it is not good business practice and that is why he supports using another firm. Commissioner Rader agrees that there is merit in changing companies. Mayor James does not want to grant this contract to an auditing firm that is outside of Kansas City.

A motion was made by Mayor James with a second by Commissioner Rader to approve the contact with Cochran, Head, Vick & Co., P.C., for one year with an option to renew for four additional one-year periods for the annual amount of \$68,217. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

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g. The Outreach Partnership Project. A memorandum dated January 9, 2014, was presented to recommend approval of the MOU with Swope Behavioral Health/Swope Health Services for the period of December 15, 2013 through December 31, 2014. This contract will provide funds for overtime costs associated with the Outreach Partnership Project in an amount up to \$15,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt with a second by Commissioner Rader approving the MOU with Swope Behavioral Health/Swope Health Services to provide funds up to \$15,000. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

9. Professional Development and Research Bureau.

Deputy Chief Rose submitted the basic training class summary dated January 7, 2014. She advised that a new academy class begins next week that will include six outside agency officers and 15 Kansas City officers.

Deputy Chief Rose presented the following consent agenda items for approval:

- a. Project #720, Amber Alert
- b. Project #763, Ambulance Calls and Arrests Taken to Hospitals
- c. Project # 418, Physical and Psychological Examinations
- d. Project #478, Social Media and Networking

A motion was made by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt with a second by Mayor James to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

10. Administration Bureau.

Deputy Chief Randy Hundley presented the personnel summary dated January 3, 2014. Current department strength is 1,380 law enforcement personnel compared to

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1,363 for this same time period in 2012. Civilian strength is 568 positions compared to 570 positions for the same time period 2012.

Deputy Chief Hundley said Major Greg Volker was scheduled to discuss the replacement of CAD/RMS at this meeting; however, he could not attend due to a death in the family.

11. Patrol Bureau. Deputy Chief Kuehl presented the monthly crime summary dated November 2013. A copy of the Crime Summary is marked as Attachment “C” and attached to these minutes.

With regard to the December 2013 Traffic Summary; there were eight fatalities for the month of December. There have been 60 fatalities year-to-date, compared to 72 year-to-date for the same period last year. A copy of the Traffic Summary is Attachment “D” and attached to these minutes. Deputy Chief Kuehl commended the Traffic Division for the large amount of initiatives they utilize and effort they put forth to use targeted enforcement via exceptional data compiled by Officer Sam Leslie, as well as public awareness and education campaigns to try and have an impact the number of traffic accidents.

Deputy Chief Kuehl submitted the 2013 Year End Fatality Report which is Attachment “E” and attached to these minutes. He said 69 percent of those killed in accidents were not wearing seatbelts. He also submitted the December 2013 Executive Summary.

12. Investigations Bureau. Deputy Chief Randy Hopkins submitted the Investigation Bureau summary for December 2013. He said there have been four homicides to-date for 2014, with three for the same time period in 2013.

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The police department presented 2,931 cases to the prosecutor and 2,250 were filed.

Year-to-date there have been 236 drive by shootings with 229 for the same period last year.

Deputy Chief Hopkins said Detective Bruce Soloman recently passed away on January 10, 2014. Detective Soloman worked for the police department for 30 years.

Deputy Chief Hopkins said there has been reorganization and KC NoVA and the Area Command Unit will now fall under the Violent Crimes Division. Major Ron Fletcher is the current Commander in Violent Crimes.

13. Captain Mark Francisco. Captain Francisco submitted the OCC investigations monthly report dated January 3, 2014. There are currently 23 OCC's under investigation.

14. Office of Community Complaints. Ms. Pearl Fain presented and discussed the OCC report for December 2013, as well as the OCC Semi-Annual Report. She said in 2013, there was a decrease in excessive force complaints.

Commissioner Wasson-Hunt thanked Ms. Fain for establishing the on-line complaint form.

Ms. Fain thanked the Internal Affairs Unit, Human Resources, and the Office of General Counsel for their assistance throughout the year.

15. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #99. Sergeant Brad Lemon said that last month the FOP assembled holiday baskets for the needy in the community and they collected items for the Coats for Kids campaign. He thanked the police department for letting the FOP put the collection boxes at all facilities. Sergeant Lemon thanked department members and the community for coming to the aid of two officers in need.

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Sergeant Lemon indicated that he would attend the FOP National Academy-Leadership Matters. He has started having monthly meetings with Chief Forté; the first one lasted 2 ½ hours.

Sergeant Lemon discussed legislative activities that the FOP participated in last year, along with their tentative plans for the upcoming legislative session.

He discussed FOP plans and goals for 2014.

Chief Forté thanked Sergeant Lemon for contacting him on January 1, 2014.

Sergeant Lemon thanked the Mayor and the police department for their assistance with pension funding. Sergeant Lemon thanked Commissioner Pelofsky for her service and welcomed Commissioner Kilgore to the Board.

16. Scheduled meetings

Tuesday, February 11, 2014
9:00 a.m., South Patrol Division, 9701 Marion Park Drive, Annex Building,
Multi-Purpose Room, Kansas City

Tuesday, March 11, 2014
9:00 a.m., Regional Police Academy, 6885 N.E. Pleasant Valley Road,
Auditorium, Kansas City

17. Commissioner Michael C. Rader. Commissioner Rader welcomed Commissioner Kilgore to the Board.

Commissioner Rader inquired about Officer McGregor who was recently shot in the leg. Chief Forté said Officer McGregor is doing fine and was released from the hospital the same day.

18. Commissioner Angela Wasson-Hunt. Commissioner Wasson-Hunt also welcomed Commissioner Kilgore to the Board.

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19. Commissioner Alvin Brooks. Commissioner Brooks also welcomed Commissioner Kilgore.

Commissioner Brooks said he spoke to Officer Hubbard last week, who was hospitalized due to being assaulted.

20. Commissioner Michael S. Kilgore. Commissioner Kilgore said he was honored to serve and happy to be here.

A motion was made by Mayor James, seconded by Commissioner Rader and by vote indicated below, to adjourn its open meeting at 11:09 a.m. and reconvene in closed session at 11:24 a.m. as provided in the following resolution. Following a roll call, the vote was 5-0 in favor.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, notice of the board meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was given on December 10, 2013, and

WHEREAS, said notice indicated that the Board of Police Commissioners might go into closed session during said meeting, and

WHEREAS, notice of the closed meeting follows the guidelines of Section 610.020 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Police Commissioners go into closed session during the meeting being held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at the South Patrol Division, 9701 Marion Park Drive, Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, litigation matters, and labor negotiations.

The following Commissioners were present and voted to go into closed session as follows:

Commissioner Alvin L. Brooks	-	Aye
Commissioner Angela Wasson-Hunt	-	Aye
Commissioner Michael S. Kilgore	-	Aye
Commissioner Michael C. Rader	-	Aye
Mayor Sylvester "Sly" James, Jr.	-	Aye

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There being a quorum present and the question of holding a closed session having received an affirmative public vote of at least three (3) members, a closed meeting was held as set forth above.

Below are the votes from the closed session of the Board of Police Commissioners meeting on January 14, 2014:

- 1) Following a motion by Commissioner Rader and a second by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt, the Board voted to approve the application for continued employment of Detective Wayne Fitzner. The vote was 5-0 in favor.
- 2) Following a motion by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt and a second by Mayor James, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the closed sessions of the November 25, 2013, and December 10, 2013, meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners. Commissioners Rader and Kilgore abstained from this vote. The vote was 3-0 in favor.
- 3) Following a motion by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt and a second by Commissioner Rader, the Board voted to approve the Third Amendment to a lease for certain real property. The vote was 5-0 in favor.
- 4) Following a motion by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt and a second by Mayor James, the Board voted to go out of closed session. The vote was 5-0 in favor. Following polling, Mayor James voted aye, Commissioner Rader voted aye, Commissioner Wasson-Hunt voted aye, Commissioner Brooks voted aye and Commissioner Kilgore voted aye.
- 5) Following a motion by Mayor James and a second by Commissioner Kilgore, the Board voted to adjourn. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

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President

Secretary/Attorney